

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF A 911/WAIVER AMENDMENT)	911/WAIVER AMENDMENT
TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	TO AGREEMENT
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND)	
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)	TC01-017

On February 23, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a 911/waiver amendment to an interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest. The 911/waiver amendment addresses Sprint's desire to offer a new Dial IP product.

On March 1, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the 911/waiver amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until March 15, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed April 17, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated 911/waiver amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Sprint. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the 911/waiver amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the 911/waiver amendment and the 911/waiver amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the 911/waiver amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated 911/waiver amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>4/24/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner